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☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

☒ The amendment filed on Jul 23, 1998 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

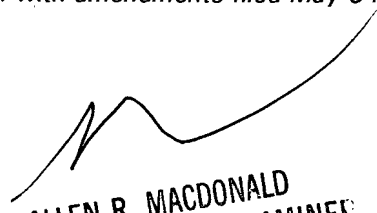
☐ entered.

☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).

☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*It will require a new examination in further consideration of Applicant's removing "upon display of the requested agate information" from claim 1 which amendment was added to the claim in question with amendments filed May 04, 1998.*

  
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